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Report for the Month of August 1958

1. The JAEIC Economic Working Group held its first two meetings for the purpose of producing a coordinated economic contribution to NIE 11-2-59, The Soviet Atomic Energy Program. Virtually all the research being considered by the group was produced by ORR. Chief D/M is serving as Chairman of the working group. The membership includes members from OSI, the AEC, State and Navy.

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3. All contributions to the Raw Materials and Energy Project but one are essentially complete and in the hands of the action Branch.

4. In preparation for the NIE on Communist China, which is scheduled for early 1959, the branches of the Division, through the medium of CSM's, CIWR Part II's, and an IM, took a preliminary look at the Communist Chinese "Leap Forward Program" and its impact on the sectors of the economy which are of primary interest to D/M.

5. The Materials Division is now producing three Gaps in Information papers per month in accordance with the current effort to improve the handling of ERA's collection requirements. The D/M production rate for these papers has been geared down to the rate at which these papers can currently be handled by St/I and DD/P. Unfortunately, at the present rate of production, only one-third to one-half of the priority information requirements for the D/M area of responsibility will be completed per year. We feel that this rate is too slow and that it would be highly desirable if the rate at which these papers can be fed to DD/P through St/I could be accelerated.

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